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**Brief Summary of Selected Substantive Portions of this Response**

[0001] The cited art fails to teach or suggest binding elements to data sources, data source classes, and data specific implementations of data collections using a fourth group of services, wherein the fourth group of services further handle exceptions in data entry. Each independent claim has been amended to include these elements. As such, each independent claim is now in proper form for immediate allowance.

**[0002]** This brief summary is not intended to represent the Applicant's full response to the Action. Rather, it is merely a brief summary of selected substantive portions of the response herein.